

Declaration for patent application

As the inventor(s) named below, I/we declare that:

This declaration is directed to the application entitled:
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SPLICING OF OPTICAL WAVEGUIDES BY MEANS
OF A FUSED JOINT

which was filed on September 3, 2003 as Serial Number
PCT/CH2003/000598
and claiming the Switzerland (country) priority
1705/02 (number) dated October 14, 2002

I/we believe I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims thereof, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the National or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application, if applicable; and;

All statements made herein of my/our own knowledge are true, all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that the making of willful false statements or the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardise the validity of the application or any patents issued thereon.

POWER OF ATTORNEY: I/we hereby appoint the Practitioners associated with the following Customer Number:

CUSTOMER NUMBER 20529

as my/our attorney to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Executed this _____ day of _____

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